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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DEPUTY SECRETARY: MRS. INGERSOLL'S SCHEDULE

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1. ALL OF MRS. INGERSOLL'S INTERESTS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED HERE WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF VISIT TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. HUNGARIANS ARE PROUD AND SENSITIVE PEOPLE; AND, BEING FULLY AWARE THAT THEIR FACILITIES ARE SUB-STANDARD, THEY DO NOT AS A RULE LIKE TO DISPLAY THEM TO FOREIGNERS. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, COMPLETELY RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF VISIT TO A CAREFULLY SELECTED CHILDREN'S MEDICAL FACILITY OF SOME SORT.

2. VISIT TO PRIMARY AND/OR SECONDARY SCHOOLS POSSIBLE. FONOFF HAS ALSO SUGGESTED T VT IF MRS. INGERSOLL IS INTERESTED IN MUSIC, GOH WOULD BE PLEASED TO ARRANGE VISIT TO ONE OF SCHOOLS TEACHING WORLD-FAMOUS KODALY METHOD.

3. THERE IS AN INTERESTING MODERN ART GALLERY HERE, PLUS ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUMS, ONE OF THEM IN THE OLD TOWN OF BUDA, WHICH HAVE MUCH TO COMMEND THEM.

4. AS FAR AS SIGHTSEEING IS CONCERNED, A TOUR OF THE CITY CAN BE ARRANGED AS WELL AS VISITS TO SEVERAL CHURCHES IN BUDAPEST AREA. SHORT TRIP TO ESZTERGOM OVERLOOKING BEND IN DANUBE WOULD BE PLEASANT AND WOULD PERMIT PARTY TO SEE LATE CARDINAL MINDSZENTY'S CATHEDRAL AS WELL AS SEVERAL IMPRESSIVE FORTRESSES ALONG DANUBE.

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5. RE CREATION OF INDIGENOUS ARTS AND CRAFTS, A SHORT
SIDE TRIP TO A SMALL VILLAGE OR TWO WHERE TYPICAL HUNGARIAN
ARTS AND CRAFTS ARE PRACTICED MAY PROVE POSSIBLE.

6. FONOFF UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO PROVIDE NAMES AND TITLES
OF WOMEN WHOM MRS. INTERSOLL WILL MEET. HOWEVER, DATA WILL
BE FORTHCOMING AS SOON AS FONOFF WORKING LEVEL HAS HAD
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS PROGRAM IN DETAIL WITH HIGHER GOH
AUTHORITIES. MRS. INGERSOLL CAN BE CERTAIN OF A GRACIOUS
AND HOSPITABLE WELCOME HERE, AND A PROGRAM THAT WILL BE BOTH
PLEASANT AND INFORMATIVE.
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